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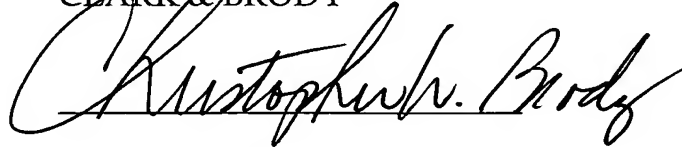
For: SURFACE-CARBONITRIDED STAINLESS STEEL PART EXCELLENT IN
WEAR RESISTANCE AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD (as amended)**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Respectfully submitted,
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